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ERATION

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1. RE OBLIGATION OF FUNDS (REF C) MATTER HAS BEEN
UNDER STUDY BY LEGAL ADVISOR'S OFFICE. IT HAS BEEN
DETERMINED THAT THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOP-
ERATION TOGETHER WITH THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES DATED
JAN. 24, 1976, IS A VALID OBLIGATING INSTRUMENT FOR
THE FUNDS PROVIDED THEREUNDER FOR THE S&T PROGRAM. THE
LEGAL ADVISOR HAS UNDER STUDY THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE
1970 AGREEMENT AND ITS RELATED NOTE EXCHANGES WOULD BE
A VALID OBLIGATING INSTRUMENT FOR THE FIFTH TRANCHE
FUNDS. WHEN THIS MATTER IS FULLY RESOLVED WE WILL CONSIDER
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WHAT FURTHER STEPS ARE REQUIRED.

2. BECAUSE WE EXPECT THAT TIMELY OBLIGATION WILL NOT
POSE A PROBLEM, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES NEED TO DEVELOP
SPECIFIC PROJECTS (PARA 3 REF A) IS LESS URGENT. WHAT
WE WOULD LIKE TO SET OUT AT EARLIEST TIME IS BROAD
ALLOCATION OF FUNDS AND OBJECTIVES BY FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

WHICH IN TURN COULD BE SUBDIVIDED BY TYPES OF PROGRAM (I.E. COOPERATIVE RESEARCH, INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS, ETC.). SPECIFIC, WELL PLANNED ACTIVITIES COVERING ONE YEAR OR LONGER COULD THEN BE DEVELOPED WITHOUT CONCERN FOR FISCAL YEAR DEADLINE.

3. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT UNDER PRESENT METHOD OF SOLICITING PUBLIC PROPOSALS FOR S&T COOPERATION, SPANISH RUN RISKS THAT A NUMBER OF COOPERATIVE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES MIGHT BE LEFT OUT OF THE S&T PROGRAM ENTIRELY.

-- IN OUR VIEW, COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS OFFER GREATEST POTENTIAL. WE EXPECT THEY WILL BE JOINTLY DEVELOPED BETWEEN U.S. AND SPANISH AGENCIES. WHILE WE AGREE WITH YOUR EFFORTS TO ASSURE THAT SPANISH AGENCIES DO NOT INADVERTENTLY MISS OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN S&T PROGRAM, WE ARE CONCERNED WITH ARBITRARY DEADLINES WHICH COULD PERMIT THIS TO OCCUR.

5. AS TO DIRECT RESEARCH GRANTS, WHICH WILL CONSTITUTE NO MORE THAN 10% OF THE TOTAL, WE ARE AGREEABLE TO EXPANDING CRITERIA TO INCLUDE "RESEARCH BENEFITTING U.S. INTERESTS ". AT A MINIMUM WE WOULD EXPECT THAT SOME U.S. TECHNICAL AGENCY WOULD NORMALLY BE INVOLVED IN SUCH A DETERMINATION.

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